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ABSTRACT

Intended to be a practical and useful guide to tapping a child's imagination and turning it into a creative tool for using language for pleasure, this book offers helpful hints for parents who want to work with their children on communication skills. The book presents a step-by-step program that is easy, flexible, and applicable in any home. It shows parents how to help a child draw on any experience and turn it into a creative outlet to become a better, clearer, and more expressive writer. From ideas as simple as writing out a shopping list to essential grammar basics, the book offers strategies for working with a child on homework, making room signs, writing notes and letters to people, making a list of toys to take on a trip, or writing an autobiography. It offers ideas on how to use riddles, games, and rhymes to build vocabulary, and how to use a small child's crayon drawing as an inspiration for his or her first written communication. The book also provides a list of 100 entertaining ideas for writing at home for all ages, helpful guidelines for working with a child on homework, a special parents' refresher guide to the basics of grammar in clear simple language, and a reading list for young readers and their parents. (NKA)

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